

SWOSU Awarded Grant to Help Teachers

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in partnership with Clinton Public Schools will once again offer this summer an Oklahoma Rural Mathematics and Partnership program on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford.

Dr. Brian Campbell, director of the program, said the \$232,000 grant will allow SWOSU to offer a four-week summer institute for teachers as well as additional sessions in the fall and next spring.

OK-RMSP is a yearlong program intended to increase content knowledge and the creation of standards-based mathematics and science lessons for teachers from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade in rural western Oklahoma. Western Oklahoma school districts are encouraged to participate in this program.

The summer institute will run July 10 through August 4 followed by three sessions in the fall and three sessions during the 2007 spring semester. All sessions are designed to give teachers direct, hands-on experience and training in science, mathematics, and technology and their application in PreK-12 education.

Each participant will be awarded a \$1,500 stipend for completing the summer session and \$200 stipend for the completion of each OK-RMSP Saturday session, totaling a possible \$2,700 for the life of the grant. Each participant will also be awarded supplies connected to new or revised units, activities and demonstrations. These new units must be presented to other staff members during an in-service day at the participants' school.

Only 40 teachers will participate in the Summer Institute and follow-up activities so spaces are very limited.

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